

## Automated Commercial Environment—Requirements Recommendation

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<b>Requestor:</b>	Multi-Modal Manifest Subcommittee
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### Requirement

**Eliminate Manifesting requirements between Puerto Rico and the mainland United States.**

#### **ASSUMPTIONS**

- 1. Policy and Regulations issue, outside of just Customs**
- 2. Census will take 23 and 24 to work with**

### Business Need

**Puerto Rico is part of the U.S. Customs territory therefore, should be treated as a domestic move. *There is a need to remove the SED or AES requirement as stipulated in the Foreign Trade Statistics of the United States.***

### Technical Need

**None**

### Benefits

- Costs Reduction.**
- Expedite the clearance of Cargo.**
- Eliminate the restraints of shipping to/from Puerto Rico.**

### Risks

**The Puerto Rico government receives statistical information from the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. The Census Bureau has employees on site in Puerto Rico gathering statistical information and works with U.S. Customs Service. The Census Bureau has an agreement (annual contract) with the Puerto Rico Tax Office and receives monies for this service.**

***See attachment.***

### Related Subcommittees

Priority:    Critical                      High   X☐                      Medium   ☐                      Low   ☐

**Customs Use Only**

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Not Approved   ☐

Further Evaluation Required   ☐